

In the Claims

1-10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) A method for producing a flexible shaped strip for securing a cushion covering to a cushion component formed of foam material and provided with a longitudinal passage for engaging the shaped strip, comprising the steps of:

forming the shaped strip from plastic material for engaging the longitudinal passage in the cushion component and securing the covering to the cushion component; and providing a slip-preventer at least partially on an exterior periphery of the shaped strip, the slip-preventer being a plastic material softer than the plastic material of the shaped strip; whereby, the slip-preventer increases tear resistance of the shaped strip to resist inadvertent removal of the shaped strip from the longitudinal passage in the cushion component.

12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the soft plastic material of the slip-preventer has a Shore A hardness lower than 150.

13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein the Shore A hardness is between 30 and 60.

14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 12 wherein the Shore A hardness is 60.

15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by extrusion.
16. (currently amended) A method according to claim 11 wherein further comprising coextruding the slip-preventer ~~is applied to onto~~ the shaped strip ~~by coextrusion~~.
17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by a hot coating method.
18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by a spray method.
19. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by a dipping coating method.
20. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is a coating applied on the shaped strip; and the coating is hardened by ultraviolet light.
21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is a coating applied on the shaped strip; and the coating is hardened by an electron-radiation source.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the soft plastic material is rubber.

23. (currently amended) A method according to claim 11 wherein the shaped strip is formed with ~~cut out~~ recessed areas between the shaped strip and the cushion component, the slip-preventer being applied only in the ~~cut out~~ recessed areas.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the shaped strip has a profile selected from the group consisting of round, T-shaped, fixing wedge and fixing anchor.

25. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip in flakes.

26. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip in clots.

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28. (previously presented) A method according to claim 11 wherein the slip-preventer is applied to the shaped strip by coating.

29. (currently amended) A method according to claim 11 wherein
the shaped strip with the slip-preventer thereon is inserted into a foam cushion for
securing a cover to the cushion such that the slip-preventer directly engages the foam cushion.

30. (currently amended) A method for producing a flexible shaped strip for securing
a cushion covering to a cushion component formed of foam material and being provided with a
longitudinal passage for engaging the shaped strip, comprising the steps of:

forming the shaped strip from plastic material, the strip having a top surface with a
longitudinal slot, a fastener received in the slot and coupled to the shaped strip, and longitudinal
interlocking members on side surfaces of the strip and defining recessed areas between the
interlocking members; and

providing a slip-preventer on said top surface of the strip, the slip-preventer being a
plastic material softer than the plastic material of the shaped strip to reduce slippage between the
strip and the foam material and to increase tear resistance of the shaped strip to resist inadvertent
removal of the shaped strip from the longitudinal passage in the cushion component.

31. (previously presented) A method according to claim 30 further comprising
applying the soft plastic material to the recesses between the interlocking members.

32. (previously presented) A method according to claim 30 wherein
the soft plastic material of the slip-preventer has a Shore A hardness lower than 150.

33. (previously presented) A method according to claim 30 wherein
the Shore A hardness is between 30 and 60.

34. (currently amended) A method for producing a flexible shaped strip and securing
a cushion covering to a foamed cushion material having a longitudinal passage for engaging the
strip, comprising the steps of:

forming the shaped strip from a first plastic material, the strip having a top surface with a
longitudinal slot, a fastener received in the slot and coupled to the shaped strip and to the cushion
covering material, the shaped strip having a plurality of longitudinal interlocking members on
side surfaces;

applying a second plastic material on a surface of the shaped strip to provide a slip-
preventing material on the shaped strip, the second plastic material being softer than the first
plastic material to decrease slippage between the shaped strip and the foamed cushion material;
and

inserting the shaped strip into the longitudinal passage of the foamed cushion material
such that the second plastic material directly engages the foamed cushion material.

35. (previously presented) A method according to claim 34, comprising
applying a coating of the second plastic material onto the shaped strip by extrusion
coating, hot coating, spray coating, or dipping.

36. (previously presented) A method according to claim 34, comprising applying the second plastic material to the top surface of the shaped strip.

37. (previously presented) A method according to claim 34, comprising applying the second plastic material to an area between the longitudinal interlocking members.

38. (new) A method according to claim 11, wherein the slip-preventer is coated onto the shaped strip as a thin layer having a thickness less than a dimension of the shaped strip, and wherein the shaped strip has a dimension to be retained in the longitudinal passage of the cushion component.

39. (new) A method according to claim 38, wherein said shaped strip has a top surface with a concave recessed shape and where said antislip material is formed on the top surface.

40. (new) A method according to claim 30, wherein the top surface of the shaped strip has a concave recessed shape.

41. (new) A method according to claim 40, wherein the anti-slip preventer is applied as a coating on the top surface of the shaped strip where the coating is thin relative to the dimension of the shaped body.

42. (new) A method according to claim 34, wherein
the top surface has a concave recessed shape; and
the longitudinal passage in the cushion material has an undercut to cooperate with the
recessed shaped top surface to retain the shaped strip in the longitudinal passage.

43. (new) A method according to claim 34, wherein
the second plastic material is applied as a thin coating on the shaped strip; and
the coating is thin relative to the dimension of the shaped strip.

44. (new) A method according to claim 42, wherein

the second plastic material is applied to the top surface.

45. (new) A method according to claim 11, further comprising
a fastener coupled to the shaped strip and extending longitudinally along a length of the
shaped strip.